

Dear Sir,

Boston Nov 24. 1871

Your letter of the 19th is received,

I disclaim any intention to impute dishonesty in making up the account, and, after a careful reading of the copy of my last letter to you, find nothing in its terms, to justify the interpretation placed upon it.

In noticing the latter

peremptory announcement concerning the "rights" and "honors" of your father, I will, simply suggest that it will be true enough to defend them when they are assailed.

The account I return, not feeling justified in assenting to it.

Yours truly

C. L. Steele